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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1-6 and 10-31 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 7-9, 32 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,341,457 to Aerts et al.

The present application was filed on October 20, 2000. However, the Aerts '457 patent did not issue until January 29, 2002. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 7-9, 32 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is clearly improper, and should be withdrawn.

Furthermore, Applicants are unsure what features of Figs. 75-80 of Aerts '457 are being referred to in the Office Action as the "pair of horizontally spaced apart vertical frame members, having an upper end thereof secured to the upper frame member; (Fig. 58)". Fig. 58 of Aerts '457 appears to show only a lower end portion of the panel, and is unclear what features of Aerts '457 are being referred to in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that Aerts '457 does not disclose a pair of horizontally spaced apart vertical frame members, each having an upper end thereof secured to an upper frame member, as recited in claim 7.

Also, the Office Action indicates that Aerts '457 discloses a raceway (940) "on the top of" upper horizontal frame member (16). Claim 7 does not recite such an arrangement, and it is therefore unclear why Aerts '457 is being cited as disclosing the features noted above. With reference to Column 22, lines 53-55 and to Fig. 63 of Aerts '457, channel member 940 is mounted to the top of upper horizontal frame member 816 with no gap or spacing between the members. In contrast, claim 7 recites a vertically extending support member "supporting said raceway vertically *spaced* above said upper frame member" (emphasis added). Applicants respectfully submit that Aerts '457 does not teach or disclose any such arrangement.

Applicants have made a concerted effort to place the present application in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. In the event there are any

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remaining informalities, the courtesy of a telephone call to the undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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